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34. (Amended) A method for sealing [the] a catch basin of the type having a base, a top adjusting collar and a bottom adjusting collar, the catch basin also having a height defined from a base of the bottom adjusting collar to the top edge of the top adjusting collar, said method comprising the steps of:

- 5 (a) selecting a band of elastomeric material, said band having a height wherein the height of said band is at least equal to the height of the catch basin, said band including an adhesive disposed on the inner surface of said band;
- (b) placing said band over the catch basin and positioning said band such that a bottom edge of said band is proximate the base of the catch basin and a top edge of
- 10 said band is proximate the top edge of the top adjusting collar of the catch basin; and
- (c) securing said band to said catch basin and forming a seal therebetween.

b 35. (Amended) The method of sealing the catch basin of claim ⁵34 wherein the bottom of said band is flared such that the flared portion extends below and outwardly from the base of the [manhole riser] catch basin.

c3 38. (Amended) A kit for sealing a catch basin of the type having a top adjusting ring and a bottom adjusting ring, the [manhole riser] catch basin also having a height defined from the base of the bottom adjusting ring to the top edge of the top adjusting ring, said kit comprising a band of elastomeric material, said [elastic]

5 elastomeric material having a height wherein it is about equal to the height of the [manhole riser's] catch basin, said band having an adhesive applied to the interior surface of said band [such that there is adhesive on the interior surface of said band] for bonding said band to the catch basin and forming a seal therebetween.

39. (Amended) The kit of claim 38 wherein the bottom of said band is flared such that the flared portion extends below and outwardly from the base of the [manhole riser] catch basin.

c4 41. (Amended) The kit of claim 38 further comprising [the step of removing] a release liner disposed over said adhesive.

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